

Appln No. 09/688,452
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

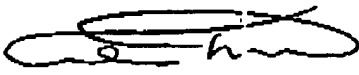
Applicant's attorney thanks Examiner Firmin Backer for the telephonic interviews on July 13, July 17, and July 21, 2006. The Examiner requested that claims 30-68 be cancelled in order to make the application allowable. Per Examiner's request, claims 30-68 have been cancelled. Claims 1-29 are currently pending.

The Examiner has not acknowledged the IDSs that were filed September 16, 2004 and June 14, 2005. Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of the above-mentioned IDSs by initialing and returning the attached copies of the same IDSs.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome any potential obviousness-type double patenting rejection over respective claims of the co-pending and commonly owned U.S. Pat. Serial No. 09/690,066.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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